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**By Hand-Delivery**

Honorable Richard Sullivan  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl St., Room 615  
New York, NY 10007

Re: Caban-Bennette v. New York City Fire Department,  
07 Civ 9603 (RJS) (████)  
Our File No.: 2007-040436

Dear Judge Sullivan:

I am an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the office of Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, attorney for defendant in the above-referenced action. I write to request that defendant's time to respond to the complaint be extended from December 31, 2007, to February 14, 2008. This is the defendant's first request for an extension of time and plaintiff consents to this request.

The requested extension of time is needed to permit a reasonable investigation of the allegations of the complaint. It will permit this office to gather relevant documents, interview potential witnesses, investigate the complaint's numerous allegations of discrimination occurring over a three-year period, and thereafter prepare an appropriate response. It should be noted that the requested extension, if granted by the Court, will not require adjusting any other dates, as the Court has not yet scheduled any additional appearances.

HONORABLE RICHARD J. SULLIVAN

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Accordingly, defendant respectfully requests an enlargement of defendant's time to respond to the complaint from December 31, 2007, to February 14, 2008.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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Defendant's time to answer the complaint is extended to February 14, 2008. No further extensions will be granted absent a truly compelling reason. The parties are to appear for a status conference on February 21, 2008 at 4<sup>3</sup><sub>0</sub>-P14.

SO ORDERED  
Dated: 12/27/07 RICHARD J. SULLIVAN  
U.S.D.J.

